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POINTE DES GALETS, REUNION

The anchorage off this port is on a twenty-five fathom hump. The stern is nearly on the beach when the vessel swings in that direction. The port is equipped with fourteen (14) lighters as follows:

2	lifting	100	tons	each
3	"	70	"	"
4	"	50	"	"
5	"	35	"	"

Only six of these lighters can be used to work a vessel at anchor off this port, they being the two 100 ton lighters, two of the 70 ton lighters, and two of the 50 ton lighters. The remainder are not seaworthy.

The port is equipped with a crane capable of lifting 100 tons and there are also four (4) tow boats.

Port charges for vessel going inside and working alongside dock amounts to 50 Francs or nearly .40¢ U.S. currency per net registered ton for a three month period. Vessels entering the port have had sad experience, some being obliged to wait three months until entrance to the harbor could be dredged out. Along the beach outside the harbor the coast is strewn with round stones about the size of cobble stones. The northern jetty at the entrance to the port extends out beyond the other jetty. Heavy swells are usual from Southwest, which roll these stones up against the Northern jetty thus blocking entrance. There is a dredge kept in the harbor for the purpose of keeping the entrance open. "Clan Line" and "British India Company" do not allow their vessels to enter into the harbor.

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